



I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to:

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231 on October 18, 2001

Doran R. Pace, Patent Attorney

ELECTION UNDER 35 USC §121

Examining Group 1646

Patent Application

Docket No. UF-243X

Serial No. 09/648,864

RECEIVED

JAN 04 2002

TECH CENTER 1600-2900

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Examiner : Janet Andres, Ph.D.
Art Unit : 1646
Applicants : Howard M. Johnson, Mustafa G. Mujtaba
Serial No. : 09/648,864
Filed : August 25, 2000
For : Materials and Methods for Inhibition of IgE Production

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

ELECTION UNDER 35 USC §121

Sir:

In response to the written Restriction Requirement dated September 18, 2001 in the above-identified patent application, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the invention of Group I (claims 1-15), without traverse.

A Preliminary Amendment canceling the non-elected claims and presenting the elected invention as new claims 25-39 also accompanies this Election.

As the species, Applicants hereby elect IFN chimeras.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR §§1.16 or 1.17 as required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 19-0065.

Respectfully submitted,



Doran R. Pace
Patent Attorney
Registration No. 38,261
Phone No.: 352-375-8100
Fax No.: 352-372-5800
Address: 2421 N.W. 41st Street, Suite A-1
Gainesville, FL 32606-6669

DRP/sl

Attachment: Preliminary Amendment